Books published by NBT

3093. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books published by the National Book Trust so far in English, Hindi and Urdu, Year-wise, with the titles of the books;

(b) the names of books, authors and publishers, with the name of language, for whose publication the National Book Trust provided financial assistance since its inception; and

(c) the steps taken for promoting the sale of National Book Trust books?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (d) The number and titles of books published by the National Book Trust, (NBT) India in all languages, including English, Hindi and Urdu are given in the Annual Reports of the Trust laid on the Table of the House. The Annual Reports also contain names of books, authors and publishers with the names of languages in whose publications the Trust provides financial assistances.

(c) The steps taken by NBT for promoting the sale of its books, *inter-alia,* include the following:

(i) Enrolment of commission agents, distributors, etc, to sell books in different regions of the country

(ii) Mobile exhibition vans for display and sale of books in rural areas

(iii) Participation in all major book fairs and exhibitions organised by different publishers' bodies throughout India

(iv) Organization of National Book Fairs, Regional Book Fairs, World Book Fairs, and Language Book Fairs in different parts of the country

(v) Enrolment of members in the NBT book club.